442d Signal Battalion FRG Newsletter

"Ready, Rapid, Reliable" *February 2006*

Words from Viper 6

Greetings from the command team. We hope your holiday season was exciting and you received exactly what you wanted. As we say "Goodbye" to winter and head into the spring months, we want to thank everyone once again for your outstanding support over the past several months. The Battalion continues to perform at an extraordinary level of high perfection. This is due solely through the untiring efforts of our team -- military, civilians and family members.

We want to thank Charlie Company and their team of elves for planning and executing a perfect Battalion "Holiday Celebration" on 17 December. The event was wonderfully executed with dancing, games, excellent food, and great decorations. Everyone had a super evening and we can't wait to do it again next year. We also, want to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our upcoming "Spring Celebration" which will take place on 15 April. Bravo Company will take the lead and this is sure to be another great event for all. Contact you Company FRGs for more information

As spring quickly approaches we want to invite you to take advantage of the many events in the local Augusta area. There are also spring festivals in the Augusta and surrounding communities that are worth a look. Some of these events are included in this newsletter.

Since my last note we had a major change within the Command Group. CSM Praymous departed to take the 15th Signal Brigade assumed the responsibilities as the new Battalion CSM and my battle buddy. We want to take this opportunity to welcome her to the team.

Please keep our deployed member's and their families in your prayers-- MAJ Blair, MAJ McKinnis, MAJ Mosher, CPT Panton, SFC Walker-Morrall, and SPC McClinton. They all continue to do well and we look forward to their safe and speedy return.

Remember "safety first and always" in everything that you do. The Battalion continues to do very well in this area and I believe in large part it is because of your individual efforts, the buddy system, and our command emphasis on SAFETY.

I will close, as always, by saying thank you and your family for all that you do, as we train the Army's best and brightest to be leaders of the Signal Regiment today and tomorrow.

Ready, Rapid, Reliable – LTC Bobby Brown, Viper 6

Spring Celebration

The 442d Signal Battalion Spring Celebration will be on 15 April 06, 1400-1600 at Greely Hall Room 119. There will be Crafts for the kids, Egg-stravagant Hunt outside for all ages and refreshments for all. Come out and join us in the celebration!!!

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Headquarters & Alpha Company

A Word from Gator 6… As the new commander (Gator 6) I would like to thank everyone for welcoming my family and me to the Gator team. It is our honor and privilege to be part of this outstanding command team. It has been a fast paced two months for the company since the change of command and after my initial assessment I have nothing but the greatest respect for the Soldiers, NCO's, Officers, Civilians and Family members associated with the company and battalion. The 1SG and I organized a trip to Atlanta to watch a professional basketball game; the 25 Soldiers and family members that attended all had a great time. In the near future we plan to arrange another event for the company, more information will be provided during the FRG meetings. The next FRG meeting will be held in early March 2006, all family members are welcome to attend. As the company continues to move in a positive direction, we must all remember change is not bad, it is just change. As your commander I am charged to provide leadership and guidance. I am always available. – ***CPT Chisholm***

Quote of the Month: "Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity." - George S. Patton

We would like to wish a hearty Gator welcome to all of our new soldiers and their families. Some of our newest additions SSG Joshua Smith, SFC Jody Rodriguez, SSG Ayala, SSG Brayboy, CW3 Levaine, SFC Maxie, and CSM Crutcher who comes to us from 15th Signal Brigade. Welcome home to CW3 Ruth Williams as she returns from overseas TCS assignment.

Over the past few months we have wished a fond farewell to several of our Gators. SFC Mozell, SFC Stovall, SFC Kendall, SFC Gaspard, & LTC Bowie have all retired. SGT Morgan and SSG Henderson have PCS'd, and SSG Freeman has moved over to 93d Sig Bde. We wish them well in their future endeavors!

CPT Chisholm reenlists SFC Valde

SSG Freeman & SPC Wilson reenlist

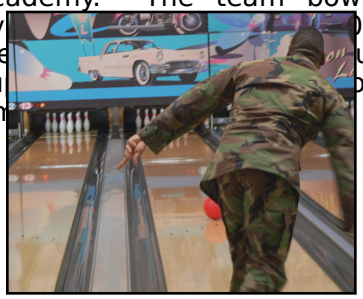
Atlanta Hawks Game Company Trip

We would like to keep close in our thoughts and prayers two of our Gators who are currently TCS. CPT Panton is serving in Iraq and SPC McClinton is serving in Afghanistan.

Congratulations to SFC Pledger and her family on a brand new addition – a beautiful 7.6lb baby girl, Jacyann Elizabeth Pledger, who was born on the 29th of January.

Also congratulations to 2LT Crawford & 2LT Lee on graduation from OCS.

1SG's Corner… The ALPHA Gators formed a bowling team for the first annual Military Challenge Bowling League. The name of the team is "Keep It Rollin' ". The team consists of the following members: Captain and Team Leader, SSG Charles Hampton (Chuck); SFC Ronda Mack; SFC Luis Hernandez; SFC Jody Rodriquez; and 1SG Darryl Weeks (Dee). The league consist of 18 teams from different military organizations across Fort Gordon and only active duty military are allowed to participate. Chuck Hampton is one of the league leaders in averages with an average of 188. The team is currently tied for second place in the league with a record of 9-3. The week of 13 February, the team will compete for sole possession of second place by rolling against the NCO Academy. The team bowls ev[illegible]0. Ple[illegible]ur su[illegible]od tim[illegible]



The Bowling Team Keeps it Rollin'

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Gators, Train the Warriors!

If you would like to contribute to the FRG newsletter or would like more information on HQ/A Company FRG Program Contact the HQ/A Company Orderly Room at 791-2190.

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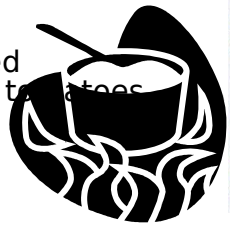
Bravo Corner Family Spotlig

Bravo company wants to introduce to you SGT James W. Bradford, his wife Ester, and three children Davonzelle, Anic and Avonte. SGT Bradford has taken over the B Company's supply room. He is originally from Orlando Florida, while the of his family is from Virigina. His children's ages are 20, 19,

Recipe for Oxtail Stew.

1 oxtail about 2-2.5 lbs. cut up
4 tbsp corn flour
2tbsp cooking oil
salt and black pepper
4 rashers (slices) bacon (sugar cured, ri
2 medium onions sliced
1 clove garlic crushed
4 carrots pared and sliced
1 cup peeled chopped to atoes
1 pint (16 fl. Oz) water
2 stalks green onions finely sliced
1 spring thyme
1 can butter beans (lima beans)



Method: 1. Trim away excess fat and place oxtail in boiling water for 2 to 3 minutes to blanch. 2. Drain well on absorbent paper and coat with corn flour. 3. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. 4. Heat oil in heavy skillet and brown oxtail on both sides removing when brown. 5. Pour off excess fat. 6. Dice bacon and fry for a few minutes. 7. Return oxtail to pot with bacon, carrots, onions, garlic, tomatoes, and hot water. 8. Cover and simmer gently for 3.5 to 4 hours or until oxtail is almost tender. 9. At this stage add more liquid if necessary and season. 10. Cover and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. Add the butter beans and allow to simmer for 3 to 4 minutes. 11. Serving for 4.

New changes are happening everyday for the Bravos

On the 28 Nov 05, a new Sergeant Major took over the 442d Signal Battalion. Many were sad to see CSM Praymoods go so quickly. However, they were also glad to see a new face, CSM Crutcher.

For Halloween, during October, the Battalion held Halloween party for all the soldier's Halloween parties there passed round. for the children to go ne kids e greatest part of this e contest that was p. Everyone had tons of fun.

On the 17th of Dec 05, the Battalion threw a party. This Christmas party had a table of crafts and activities for the children to enjoy. Also, there was plenty of food for everyone to take pleasure in, filled with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and plenty of sweets. There was even a group of 9 kids from a local school that performed during the party. They danced and sang to very enjoyable Christmas music. Then towards the end of the Party the kids were all excited to receive Christmas gifts from under the beautifully red, white and blue lighted Christmas tree.

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SGT Faison getting ready to sport his new ACUs

SPC Ryder and Ariane sharing a new life together

Hails

As a new quarter has come around there has been many new people joining our company. Let's welcome the following people to MSE platoon, PV2 Chapman, SPC Posey, PFC Oqundu, PFC French, and SPC Faulconer We also have SGT Sampson, and SSG Witherow join the Motor pool team. Welcome Ms. Davis to BSM and SFC Gooden to CLT.

Farewells

It seems like we are losing great soldiers every day in this company. SGT Stack is now an instructor for 551st. SGT Moore PCS'd to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. SPC Townsend went to Germany on his own, while SFC Moore, PFC Jones, SPC Cornell, SPC Foster, SPC Aboko-cole all traveled to Korea together. SGT Porter and SGT Tenio took a new approach in the Army and became recruiters. SPC Garvin and SPC Britton are now living the civilian life. SGT Benjamin went directly overseas to Kuwait. In the coming months we will also be losing SPC Ryder, SGT Gillihan, SFC Townsend, SSG Williams, SGT Hackley, SPC Davis, SGT Zaragoza, SFC Greenwood, SSG Ladd.

Congratulations

It seem to be a blooming quarter for Bravo Company as we had three new babies enter the world. CPT Case had a new baby girl on 15 Nov 05, who weighed 7 pounds 13oz. SGT Gillihan had a 6 pound boy on 3 Nov 05. SGT Myrick also had a baby boy that weighted 11 pounds. Also, give a round of applause to PFC Ross and SPC Cargill on receiving an award. SPC Ryder and formerly known SPC Ariane Gonzales recently got married on the 17th of December.

Considerations

Please remember to keep SGT Hodge and SSG Carter in your prayers as they recover from their recent surgeries. If you would like to give them your best wishes, you can obtain their contact information in the Bravo Company Orderly room.

Thank You

To all those who gave support during the Battalion Change of Responsibility and Holiday Parties! Thanks to FRG in all their support!

We encourage your support and ideas. If you have any questions, concerns, or are interested in participating in the Family Readiness Group, please contact the Commander or First Sergeant.

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"NEVER QUIT!"

Charlie Company

Message from the Command Team

Hello everyone. I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season and welcomed the new year in with a bang! We are in full swing again with all of our classes and some new courses to Charlie Company. Now the Battalion S6, Signal Officer Basic Qualification and the Joint Network Transport Capability Leader's Courses all fall under "The Rock" umbrella.

Charlie Company is composed of the senior officer training courses (SCCC, PCC), the functional area courses (FA 24, FA 53) and the CGSS ILE course for non-operational track field grade officers. We also have IRR Officers come through and Reservist with a two week course to get them spun up with all the new updates in the Signal Corps.

Punxsutawney Phil, the Ground Hog said we have six more weeks of mild winter weather, so it is a great time to plan some family fun-time. Fort Gordon and the Augusta area have many activities for you and your family to enjoy. Some events happening on post include:

Family Night...
March 20, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Open to the entire family, ages 2 & over! Enjoy hot dogs, chips, soda, ice cream and cotton candy... all for just $3.00. All games are on free play. All TVs on the Cartoon Network. The Go-Kart Track, Moon Bounce and X-Box Games will be open for paying customers. Call 791-6000 for more information.

Pool Tournaments...
Every Saturday in April, 3 p.m. - until. - Separate men's and women's Tournaments. Trophies for the winners. Ages 21 & over - register at the Courtyard by April 1.

The Charlie Company family would like to thank everyone for coming to 442d

A good time was had by all. Special thanks to Mrs. Cole and the entire Cole family, SFC Robinson and SSG Gavins for all of the coordination, the Augusta community especially the Hephzibah High School Show Choir, 1SG Weeks for taking pictures, Santa for handing out all of those gifts, and the many hands that prepared and served that wonderful meal.

As always, we are thrilled to have everyone here in the courses. The Charlie Rock family hopes that you enjoy your time here and make the most of it. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call myself or the 1SG.

HAILS
We would like to welcome CPT Robert Falcon, his wife Sheila, and their two boys Alex,12 and David 10. CPT Falcon comes to us from Signal Towers where he was the CG's Aid de Camp. We also have SGT(P) Patrick Trotta, his wife Tia and their three children. The newest and smallest member of the Charlie Rock Team is Aaron Jr., 7 lbs, 11 oz, born on 29 Jan 06 to CPT Aaron and Louise Heberlein, SCCC 06-05

FAREWELLS
Unfortunately, we always have to say good bye to some of our family.
SSG Calhoun not only left the Charlie Company family, but he left our Army family to pursuit another career in the civilian
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